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Assertion of Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c)

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Sir:

This application is entitled to small entity status and the same is respectfully
asserted.

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Sir:

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2. Assertion of Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c);
3. Request to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a) For Consideration of a Request for Continued Examination;
4. Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
5. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
6. Form PTO-1449 (4 sheets) and accompanying (27) references;
7. Return postcard; and
8. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$385.00 to cover the fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination.

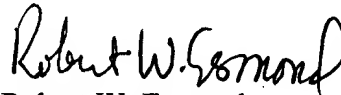
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